

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A fluid container, comprising:

a fluid container body having at least one free fluid reservoir located in the fluid container in side-by-side relationship with a negative pressure medium containing chamber and fluidly connected thereto to the negative pressure medium containing chamber; and

a common fluid an fluid delivery port directly connecting the at least one free fluid reservoir and the negative pressure medium containing chamber with a fluid ejector to deliver fluid to the fluid ejector directly from at least the free fluid reservoir, the at least one free fluid reservoir and the negative pressure medium containing chamber being located, at least in part, over the fluid delivery port;

wherein the-a ratio of the volume of the free fluid reservoir and to the volume of the negative pressure medium containing chamber is between about 0.3 to 1 and 3.0 to 1 and the free fluid reservoir and the negative pressure medium containing chamber are located, at least in part, over the fluid delivery port.

2. (Currently Amended) The fluid tank-container of claim 1, further comprising:

a filter which is located between the fluid delivery port and both the free fluid reservoir and the negative pressure medium chamber.

3. (Currently Amended) The fluid tank-container of claim 2, wherein the filter contacts a substantial portion of the-a cross-sectional area of the negative pressure material.

4. (Currently Amended) The fluid tank-container of claim 2, wherein the portion of the filter in contact with the negative pressure material is less than the area of the filter in contact with the free fluid reservoir.

5. (Currently Amended) The-A fluid tank-of claim 2-container, comprising:

a fluid container body having at least one free fluid reservoir located in the fluid container in side-by-side relationship with a negative pressure medium containing chamber and fluidly connected to the negative pressure medium containing chamber;

a fluid delivery port directly connecting the at least one free fluid reservoir with a fluid ejector to deliver fluid to the fluid ejector directly from the free fluid reservoir,

the at least one free fluid reservoir and the negative pressure medium containing chamber being located, at least in part, over the fluid delivery port; and

a filter located between the fluid delivery port and both the free fluid reservoir and the negative pressure medium chamber,

wherein the negative pressure medium is separated from and located over the filter.

6. (Currently Amended) The fluid tank-container of claim 2, wherein the negative pressure medium is located over a greater area of the filter than the free fluid reservoir is located over.

7. (Currently Amended) The fluid tank-container of claim 2, wherein the negative pressure medium is located over approximately a same amount of area as the free fluid reservoir is located over.

8. (Currently Amended) The fluid contained-container of claim 2, further comprising at least one capillary element as part the filter.

9. (Previously Presented) The fluid container of claim 8, wherein the at least one capillary element is located between the filter and the negative pressure material.

10. (Currently Amended) The fluid tank-container of claim 1, wherein the negative pressure material is made of felt.

11. (Currently Amended) The fluid tank-container of claim 1, wherein the negative pressure medium is a non-woven material.

12. (Currently Amended) The fluid tank-container of claim 1, further comprising at least one bubble chamber located in the fluid container.

13. (Currently Amended) The fluid tank-container of claim 12, wherein the at least one bubble chamber is fluidly coupled to the negative pressure medium chamber.

14. (Original) The fluid container of claim 1, wherein the ratio is between 0.5 to 1 and 2 to 1.

15. (Original) The fluid container of claim 14, wherein the ratio is approximately 1 to 1.

16. (Original) The fluid container of claim 1, wherein the fluid chamber has a lid and the negative resistance material containing chamber is attached to the lid.

17. (Original) The fluid container of claim 1, further comprising at least one capillary element located between the negative pressure medium and the fluid delivery port.

18. (Original) The fluid container of claim 17, wherein the at least one capillary element comprises at least one rib.

19. (Original) The fluid container of claim 17, wherein the at least one capillary element is connected to the negative pressure medium.

20. (Currently Amended) The fluid container of ~~claim 1~~claim 17, wherein the at least one capillary element is connected to the fluid delivery port.

21. (Original) The fluid container of claim 1, further comprising at least one manifold rib located in the fluid delivery port to space the negative pressure medium from the fluid delivery port.

22. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing different fluid containers on a single assembly line, comprising:

manufacturing a first type of fluid container lid having a first negative pressure material chamber configuration;

manufacturing a second type of fluid container lid having a second negative pressure material chamber configuration that differs from the first configuration;

manufacturing a fluid container ~~which accepts body that selectively receives either one of the first type of fluid container lid or the second lid~~type of fluid container lid; and

selecting one of the first ~~type of fluid container lid~~ and ~~the second lids to apply to the fluid container~~type of fluid container lid; and

applying the selected ~~one of the first type of fluid container lid and the second type of fluid container lid~~ to the fluid container on the single assembly line.

23. (Currently Amended) An assembly kit for a fluid container usable in a marking device, the kit having component parts capable of being assembled together, the kit comprising the combination of:

a first type of fluid container lid having a first negative pressure material chamber configuration;

a second type of fluid container lid having a second negative pressure material chamber configuration that differs from the first ~~negative pressure material chamber~~ configuration;

a fluid container ~~which accepts body that selectively receives either one of the first type of fluid container lid and the second lid~~type of fluid container lid to form a fluid container usable in the marking device;

~~a negative pressure material element; and
wherein when one of said first and second lids is selected to apply to the fluid container, and a negative pressure material element is selected to be placed in the fluid container, said selected lid, selected negative pressure material element and said fluid container may be assembled into a fluid container usable in the marking device.~~

24. (Currently Amended) A fluid container for a fluid marker having a print head, comprising:

a fluid container body with a free fluid reservoir located in side-by-side relationship with a negative resistance material containing chamber and fluidly connected theretoto the negative resistance material containing chamber; and

a common fluid delivery port opening into the fluid container and directly connecting the free fluid reservoir and the negative resistance material containing chamber with the print head to deliver fluid to the print head directly from at least the free fluid reservoir; and

at least one bubble chamber located within the fluid container,
wherein the negative resistance material chamber is located completely over the fluid delivery port opening.

25. (Currently Amended) The ink tankfluid container of claim 24, further comprising a porous element located in the delivery port opening to support at least one of the free ink chamber and the negative resistance material chamber.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) The fluid container of ~~claim 15~~claim 24, wherein the fluid container has a lid and the negative resistance material containing chamber is attached to the lid.

28. (Currently Amended) A method of passive pressure control of a print head cartridge comprising a free fluid reservoir and a negative pressure material chamber fluidly interconnected with the free fluid reservoir, the method comprising:

locating a fluid delivery port directly beneath more than half of both the free fluid reservoir and the negative pressure material chamber; and

delivering fluid from the cartridge only through the-a portion of the ink delivery port whichthat is beneath the free fluid reservoir.

29. (Original) The method of claim 28, further comprising:
establishing a ratio of the volume of the free fluid reservoir to the volume of
the negative pressure material chamber of from about 0.3 to 1 to about 3.0 to 1.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 21~~claim 28, wherein the ratio is
about 1 to 1.

31. (Original) The method of claim 28, further comprising:
providing the negative pressure material in the form of a felt material.